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TO : Chief, Foreign Branch W DATE: 7 January 1949  
FROM : Chief [ ]  
SUBJECT: GENERAL-0  
SPECIFIC Louis NEBEL  
REFERENCES: WASH-5896 (no copy at this station)  
[ ], 7 February 1947

1. [ ] recently contacted [ ], stating that he had a certain matter to discuss. During the lunch which was arranged at that time, [ ] brought forth two letters, copies of which are attached. It is believed that they, in conjunction with the references, are self-explanatory, and no detailed recapitulation of the subject-matter will be made.
2. Kaj MUNK, of whose murder Subject is accused, has become a national martyr-hero. Emotion is connected with the very mention of his name. To take any stand on this matter for the defense of Subject would in no way change the outcome of Subject's trial and would involve this organization's predecessor as well as the United States Government in rather unfavorable publicity. The British have and are continuing to ignore both letters, and unless directed to do otherwise [ ] does not intend to involve the organization in this matter.
3. Comments would be appreciated.

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2 - Washington  
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Attachments: 1. Letter of 17 Nov 48 signed Lauritz KANT (translation)  
2. " " 5 Apr 48 " " " "

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LAURITZ KANT  
Landsretssagfører  
etc.

17 November 1948

to

The Legation of the British Empire,

Kastelsvej 38 - 40, Ø.

I beg to remind you of my communication of 3 April of  
this year concerning Louis Nebel, also known as Leo Kohler.

Since the case is to be tried soon, I will be grateful  
for an early reply.

Very truly yours,

LAURITZ KANT  
per P. Bruun Nielsen

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To

The Legation of the British Empire

Kastelsvej 38 - 40, Ø.

As counsel designated for the defense of Louis Nebel, also known as Leo Kohler, I am taking the liberty of addressing the Legation for the following reason.

Louis Nebel is charged with participation in the murder of Pastor Kaj Munk and the attempted murder of Editor Chr. Damm. He claims that at the time these crimes were committed (the beginning of 1944) he was employed in the Secret Service, and maintains that the correctness of this claim can be confirmed by the persons named below:

Captain Eric Timm, S.C.I. Ludendorffhaus, Munich,  
Captain Charles C. Michaelis, S.C.I. Ludendorffhaus,  
Munich,  
Special Agent Miss Jane Burrell, S.C.I. Ludendorffhaus,  
Munich,  
Colonel Victor Rothchild, London and  
Captain Wickham, Oxford.

I have been unable to contact the persons named, and I therefore take the liberty of requesting the Legation to ask them to furnish evidence concerning the correctness of Louis Nebel's claim that he was a member of the Secret Service.

If this can be established in some other way, I request that the Legation take whatever action may be necessary to do so, and if Louis Nebel's claim is confirmed, please let me know during what period he was a member of the Secret Service.

Since the case against Louis Nebel will probably come before the court in the course of a few months I will be grateful for an early reply.

Very truly yours,

LAURITZ KANT

per P. Bruun Nielsen

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